

## FLORIDA TOPICS

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of the State

The peach growers of Volusia county are shipping and getting from \$5 to \$7 per crate.

Nearly eighteen million feet of lumber was shipped from Fernandina during the month of May.

The people in the vicinity of Bartow are circulating a petition to have the county commissioners build a new court house.

The first carload of Florida cantaloupes were sold in New York on the 25th of May, at 80 per crate. They came from Martin.

It is said that Capt. W. J. Hillman, of Live Oak, gave only \$35 for that tract of phosphate land in Polk county which he sold recently for \$500,000.

The Jacksonville Metropolitan claims that the city's profits from its electric light plant last year was \$110,119.17, and its profits from the water works was \$53,910.84.

The city council of Plant City has let a contract for a deep well for its proposed water system. The contract price is \$3 per foot for the first 300 feet and \$4 per foot thereafter.

The progressive citizens of Daytona have raised by popular subscription over \$1,000 with which they propose to advertise their beautiful little city in the North and Western States.

The peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes and pineapples are moving out of Florida by the carload lots. These are mid-summer fruit crops that bring lots of money back to the Florida growers.

Ed Suber, the negro convicted of murder, and who is now confined in the Manatee county jail, will pay the penalty for his crime today, June 14th. Only a few citizens will be allowed to see the execution.

The primary election held in Jacksonville Thursday for the nomination of a democratic candidate for the office of municipal judge, resulted in the election of Judge A. O. Wright over Julius Drew by a majority of 69 votes.

The Standard Oil Company will erect a new distribution plant at Miami that will be one of the best in the state. The new quarters of the company will be outside the city limits where a large warehouse and barns will be erected and new storage tanks placed.

The first trains to be operated over the new Tampa Northern Railroad were put on between Tampa and Brooksville Tuesday. The road is now finished to Brooksville a distance of 48 1/2 miles and trains will be operated regularly in connection with the Brooksville & Hudson line, giving a total mileage of 70 miles.

Governor Broward has issued a special order suspending from office Judge Samuel T. Shaylor, of the criminal court of record of Duval county. The suspension of Judge Shaylor is said to be based upon charges alleging neglect of duty in that he has ordered adjournment from time to time of the sessions of the criminal court of record during the present term.

James M. Andrews, former chairman of the board of county commissioners of Escambia county, and Cary L. Fulton, having charge of the county painting work, recently convicted of padding the county pay rolls, forgery and uttering forged papers, have been sentenced in the criminal court to terms in the penitentiary. Andrews was sentenced to serve four years at hard labor and Fulton two years and six months.

Information comes from Leesburg to the effect that John W. Jolly, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at that point, was arrested on two warrants sworn out by a representative of the American Surety Company, of New York, one of which is the alleged embezzlement of \$2,148. The other warrant charges Jolly with having forged the names of certain messengers of the Southern Express Company to eight express receipts, said to have represented that many remittances, aggregating \$1,317, to the East Florida Savings and Trust Company in Palatka for deposit, which money was not received by the bank. The alleged shortage was discovered by G. W. Watson, a traveling auditor, who says that the accused made a full confession to him after being confronted with the express receipts alleged to have been forged for the purpose of deceiving the auditor and thereby obtain credit for \$1,317 supposed to have been in transit. Defendant will have a preliminary hearing before Judge J. B. Milan in Tavares, the county seat of Lake county. Mr. Jolly has hitherto borne an excellent reputation and his arrest was a great shock to his friends.

A lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has been instituted in Arcadia.

The Gomez-Gillett lumber company has been organized at Tampa, capitalized at \$50,000.

The voters of Orange City have elected a woman, Mrs. Dr. Varney, as a member of the trustees of their school.

The private bank of W. C. Wells and Brother of Arcadia has been purchased by the DeSoto National Bank and merged with that institution.

In the vicinity of Leesburg 245 acres are planted in watermelons. Shipments by carloads are now being forwarded rapidly and good prices are realized.

New York capitalists are to spend vast sums in cultivating tobacco in Pasco county. The resources of every section of our fair state are being rapidly developed.

T. H. Wicker, of Coleman, shipped 7,000 crates of cukes from two acres, realizing from \$1.40 to \$1.60 a crate. His cabbage brought from \$1.25 to \$1.85 a crate. Irrigation tells the tale.

Thomas and J. B. Graham, naval stores operators of Flomaton, Ala., were held by United States Commissioner Marsh to the grand jury on charge of peonage. It being alleged that they entered Florida and forced a negro to return with them to camps.

A white woman 65 years old was arraigned before the United States court sitting in Pensacola last week charged with moonshining. The woman operated a still in Washington county, to support a helpless family, she said. She was fined one cent and sent on her way rejoicing.

From a small tract of one and a half acres, a portion of the Colson farm at Arredondo, Alachua county, there will be shipped this season 2,300 crates of cucumbers at a net price of \$1 a crate. On the same farm there are ninety acres of cantaloupes, the crop being fine and even and of excellent quality.

United States Senator-Elect Robert Taylor, of Tennessee, former governor of that state, who is known all over the country as the man who fiddled himself into the gubernatorial chair, has returned to his home after a visit of ten days in Tampa, Fort Myers and Sarasota. Senator Taylor was accompanied by his wife and private secretary.

Hobe Sound was visited by a serious conflagration at an early hour Monday morning when the store of Bowers & Hines was completely destroyed by fire. Both the postoffice and express office had quarters in the building and the loss in both these departments was complete. The burned building was practically new and two stories in height. The loss is estimated at six thousand dollars.

Last Saturday afternoon at Raleigh, a town some four miles from Wilkes, was the scene of a fearful shooting affray, in which Mr. Dunlap Phinney was almost instantly killed by Mr. Baskin Lowman and his son George. Mr. Phinney was leaving Lawrence Gibson's store when the Lowmans attacked him. Mr. Geo. Lowman shooting first, followed by his father, who put the fatal bullet in him, crushing his skull and riddling his body. The trouble grew out of a family feud which has been existing for some time, and is greatly deplored on both sides.

A silk raising farm is to be established in Tampa, or Jackson Heights, by A. Piccolati, of New York, who came to Florida a few months ago seeking a location for such an industry. He has consummated a deal by which he has secured a valuable tract of land in the Jackson Heights subdivision in the northeastern suburbs of Tampa, which he proposes to set out in mulberry trees for silk-worm culture. Mr. Piccolati is said to be an expert at the cultivation of silk worms, having had experience in this industry in France. He will commence work at once on an extensive scale.

The new St. Johns county court house at St. Augustine is completed by the contractors, Messrs. M. T. Lewman & Co., of Louisville, and formally turned over to the county commissioners and the authorities officially accepted the building as complete in every detail. This fine modern courthouse is without question one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the state. It is solid and substantial from the foundation to the roof, of ornamental Spanish design of architecture and is spacious and conveniently arranged for the transaction of the county's business and will be adequate to all demands for centuries to come.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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